

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 3
FIRST QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 3 during first quarter 2003 was 86,220, a decrease of 2.0% from the fourth quarter 2002, and an increase of 2.0% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in six of the 20 NAICS sectors from the fourth quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 5.9% was in utilities.

Average quarterly employment data for first quarter 2003, fourth quarter 2002, first quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 34. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 3 with 10,889 employees, or 12.6% of total employment. Terrebonne was the leading parish with 48,676 employees, or 56.5% of total employment.

Total wages increased by 1.3% from the same period in 2002, and decreased 8.0% from the fourth quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$585.04. Terrebonne parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$588.16.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 3 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 3" beginning on page 37.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Assumption	\$ 580.43
Lafourche	581.10
Terrebonne	588.16

The number of reporting units in RLMA 3 for first quarter 2003 was 5,249.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

